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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act prohibiting the use of agreements concerning private
- 2 land owners entered into by the loess hills development and
- 3 conservation authority or the loess hills alliance.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **161D.9 Restriction.**

2 The loess hills development and conservation authority
3 or the board of directors of the loess hills alliance shall
4 not enter into any agreement with a local government or the
5 state or federal government if the agreement regulates, on an
6 involuntary basis, the action of a private landowner or the use
7 of a private landowner's land.

8 EXPLANATION

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

11 BILL. This bill prohibits the loess hills development
12 and conservation authority or the board of directors of the
13 loess hills alliance from entering into any agreement with a
14 local government, or the state or federal government, if such
15 agreement would regulate a person who is a private landowner
16 or the person's use of that land. The bill does not apply to
17 actions in which the private landowner consents.

18 BACKGROUND. The loess hills development and conservation
19 authority includes Adair, Adams, Audubon, Carroll, Cass,
20 Cherokee, Crawford, Fremont, Guthrie, Harrison, Ida, Lyon,
21 Mills, Monona, Montgomery, Page, Plymouth, Pottawattamie, Sac,
22 Shelby, Sioux, Taylor, and Woodbury counties (Code section
23 161D.1(1)). The mission of the authority is to develop and
24 coordinate plans for projects related to the unique natural
25 resource, rural development, and infrastructure problems
26 of counties in the deep loess region of western Iowa (Code
27 section 161D.1(2)). The loess hills alliance includes Fremont,
28 Harrison, Mills, Monona, Plymouth, Pottawattamie, and Woodbury
29 counties. The alliance is governed by a board of directors
30 (Code section 161D.5(1)). The mission of the alliance is to
31 create a common vision for Iowa's loess hills, protecting
32 special natural and cultural resources while ensuring economic
33 viability and private property rights of the region (Code
34 section 161D.4).